LOCAL SUBJECTS.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

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SUBJECT No. 118.

Raising the level or deviating the road in some places on the Shimoga-Tirthahalli road.

Messrs. H. S. Venkatappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk and P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. H. S. Venkatappa Gowda.—The road particularly in the 9-10 15-16, 22-23 and 35-36 miles is very low and during floods it becomes impossible for traffic and I therefore request that in the places mentioned above, the level of the road may be raised by about 5 or 6 feet or necessary deviations may be carried out so that during the floods of Tunga river the road might not be obstructed and traffic rendered impossible.

Mr. P. Venkappiah.—The roads that are near the banks of rivers should particularly be raised to protect them from being flooded by the rivers.

Dewan.—In regard to the damages caused by the floods, the Public Works Department will take all necessary action. Raising the level or carrying deviations will not be possible in some cases on account of high banks and on account of intervening long stretches of paddy fields which involve great cost. However, survey and estimates will be caused to be made for raising the road in two or three places where the river water backs up even during ordinary floods. The Chief Engineer will be requested to investigate the matter and submit suitable proposals.

SUBJECT No. 119.

Suitable accommodation at the Birur Railway Station for third class passengers.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Town Municipality.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar.—Passengers going to Shimoga and Harihar are put to much difficulty and inconvenience owing to the absence of sufficient accommodation in the waiting room at Birur station. At times, passengers have to wait for hours to get trains, and most of the third class passengers will have to wait in the sun and cold. This request has been urged on several occasions, but no action seems to have been taken. I therefore request that a commodious third class waiting room may be constructed.

Dewan.—The Government have written to the authorities of the M. & S. M. Company to send up an estimate for construction of a third class waiting room. Their reply is awaited and the work will be taken up as soon as their reply is received.

SUBJECT No. 120.

Opening of Telegraph Offices at Aiyanur, Honnali, Nyamti, Shikarpur, Shiralkoppa, Sorab and Kallurkatte.

Messrs. Nadig Lakshman Rao, Nadig Bhaskar Rao, B. Shivaji Wadiyar, Sorab Taluk; Andani Channappa,

Summary of Discussion.—Repeated representations are being made for the last five years for the establishment of Telegraph Offices at Aiyanur, Honnali, Nyamti, Shikarpur, Shiralkoppa, Sorab and Kallurkatte and no action has been taken in that direction. It is therefore prayed that early steps may be taken for the opening of Telegraph Offices at all places referred to above both in the interest of the administrative convenience and also to help the development of commercial activities in these places.

Reply of Government.—The members were informed that the question of opening Telegraph offices at all Taluk

Honnali Municipality; Eusuff Khan, Kumsi Sub-Taluk; N. Gurulingappa, K. Basavalingappa, Honnali Taluk; Y. K. Virupaiya, Nyamti Municipality; and S. Santhaveeriah, Nagar Taluk.

Headquarters and other important places in the State was under the active consideration of Government and that most of the places now referred to by them were already included in the list of offices to be converted into combined offices.

SUBJECT No. 121.

Introduction of Jury system in the Shimoga Division Sessions Court.

Mr. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. P. Venkappiah.—The jury system, as is existing in Bangalore and Mysore, may be introduced in the Shimoga Division Sessions Court also.

Dewan.—There is no objection to do this.

SUBJECT No. 122.

Improvement of the Civil Hospital at Shimoga.

Messrs. C. Subba Rao, A. Ananthiah, P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga Taluk; and B. N. Raghavaiya, Shimoga Town Municipality.

Mr. C. Subba Rao.—The malnad tracts require a fully equipped hospital which would be of great help to the poor sufferers of these tracts. We therefore request that the present Civil Hospital may be suitably extended so as to admit of a few wards being opened for in-patients. Though it deserves to be taken up immediately, this scheme seems to have been abandoned owing to financial stress.

First Member of Council.—During the Dewan's visit, he promised an additional ward to the present Civil Hospital building. Plans and estimates for the extension of the present building will be prepared and considered early.

Mr. A. Ananthiah.—There is not a good hospital for the malnad tracts. Patients who come from distant places will have to go back on several occasions for not being able to get accommodation in the Civil Hospital. It is very necessary that the building should be extended if the Government wish to minimise the sufferings of the Malnad people.

Dewan.—That is a big scheme. Government are anxious to give all possible help to allow of the hospital admitting as many patients as possible; but owing to financial difficulties, it is not possible to construct a new building just now, but the existing one will be improved by the addition of one more ward.

SUBJECT No. 123.

Opening of Science Section in the Shimoga Collegiate High School.

Messrs. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk and B. N. Raghavayya, Shimoga Town Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—In consideration of the difficulties that the malnad students are put to, a science class may be opened in the Shimoga Collegiate High School, as students who take up Science as their optional are at present obliged to go either to Tumkur or Bangalore for taking up science in the Entrance Classes at considerable expense, which they cannot afford.

Dewan.—The revision of the S. S. L. C. scheme has been published and criticisms and suggestions have been invited from the public. Orders of Government on the same may be awaited. The representation will, if possible, be considered during next budget time.